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BASE BALL PROSPECTS GOOD FOR THIS SEASON

Club Re-Organized Under New and Progressive Management. A Fine Line-Up of Players is Promised.

An enthusiastic meeting of Murphy base ball fans was held one night last week and plans were perfected for the coming season, when some good games are promised for our town.

The organization was perfected by electing P. C. Hyatt, Frank Dickey and A. G. Deweese, managers of the team this season.

The managers tell us they are going to make this the best base ball season Murphy has known. This year the big double header will be pulled off here on July 4th, instead of at Copperhill. The plans are to make this day the biggest in the history of Murphy. New uniforms have been ordered for the team.

The managers have contracts signed with the automobile drivers of Murphy to carry all passengers to and from the ball grounds from and to any place within the city limits of each way for each passenger, making the round trip for 10c. This will enable a great many people to attend the games regularly who have not done so before on account of the long walk. It is a great public convenience and we congratulate the managers on its accomplishment.

The management of The Star Theatre has very liberally agreed to give the proceeds of each Tuesday night's show for the support of the ball team. The first show was given Tuesday night and will be continued each week throughout the season. The Star Theatre should be packed on these nights with well wishers of the Murphy base ball team.

With these progressive gentlemen at the head of the management of our base ball club, and the good material here for the making of the team, Murphy is sure to hold her old and hard fought for place at the top of the ladder in amateur base ball.

WEHUTTY NOTES.

There was preaching at Mt. Vernon last Sunday by Rev. Stiles.

Services were held at Fairview church Sunday night by Rev. Hopkin of Murphy.

W. F. Hill and wife visited the latter's father, R. R. Postell Sunday.

A number of the young people spent Sunday afternoon the guest of Misses Wilbur.

A Sunday School picnic will be held at Mt. Vernon the 12th of June.

There will be a decoration at Liberty and Shoal Creek cemeteries, by the Ducktown Junior Orders and others.

Frank Cutocher and Harrison Verner of Ducktown were calling on friends in our vicinity last week.

Miss Emma Taylor is visiting friends at Ducktown this week. Subscriber.

T. C. LANEY MEETS A MYSTICUS DEATH

Thaddeus Clingman Laney, a well to do and prominent farmer of the Brasstown section of Cherokee County, met death in a manner that up to the present time is wholly unexplained and has altogether the air of mystery about it, while on his way home from Murphy, where he had been last Thursday morning, 18th, doing some trading.

Mr. Laney's mule, which he was riding, arrived some without its owner, and a search was made for the missing man, who was found at 3 o'clock in the afternoon near the Haigler branch, in an unconscious and dying condition. He was taken to his home where every thing was done to revive him, but without result. He lived only a short time and was never able to tell what had befallen him after leaving Murphy.

He left here for home at about 10 o'clock Thursday, and had probably been gone an hour when misfortune in the person of the Angel of Death, overtook him.

Three severe gashes were found on his head. On the forehead, top and back of the head. The wounds appeared to have been made by a stick. Others are of the opinion that he was thrown by the mule on a rock and then kicked. The mule is said to be of a very vicious temper.

Coroner Dookery, Sheriff Gentry and others went to the scene of the tragedy and examined the remains Friday morning, and as there seemed to be no grounds upon which to proceed the matter was left open to await developments. But we are told that a regular inquest will be held this week.

Mr. Laney was not known to have had a real enemy any where, and the true facts concerning the manner of his death may never be known.

The remains were laid away in Brasstown Cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife, five sons, two daughters, three brothers and three sisters.

BROCK BIRCHFIELD KILLED AT CHOGA

Last night at about 10 o'clock news reached here to the effect that Andy Williams an employee of the Andrew Lumber Company had shot and killed Brock Birchfield, a fellow employee.

From the report it seems that Williams and Birchfield were employed at the Choga Camp of the Andrews Lumber Co., and that yesterday afternoon some difficulty arose between the two which would apparently end in a fight but was finally settled to the satisfaction of both.

From the report it seems that Birchfield came to the camp where Williams was staying and on inquiring for Williams was told that he was in bed. Birchfield then started in the direction of Williams and before he reached the bed was shot three times by Williams, dying almost instantly.

Williams immediately surrendered to the officers and was carried to Franklin and lodged in jail.—Andrews Sun.

Local Superiority.
The superiority of some men is merely local. They are great because their associations are little.—Johnson.

DEATH CLAIMS PROMINENT CITIZEN

D. W. Deweese, who died at his home in this city Friday morning May 14th, after a long illness, was born in Cherokee County more than 69 years ago. At a time the log home and the log school house were permanent features of which he was wont to speak with as much pride as a king of his palace or the university scholar of his alma mater.

He attended school at these log school houses and obtained such education as could be obtained, until the war between the states. He was fast in the belief that from these unpretentious houses and schools came the greatest intellectual, moral and political heroes.

Just at the point where boyhood and manhood met, a call of the President for volunteer troops to suppress the rebellion was made. This ambitious boyman kissed his mother goodbye, bid adieu his friends at home, shouldered his musket and marched away to the camps of the Federal armies; where every march was a battle, and every battle field a grave yard. He remained faithfully at his post until peace was declared in 1865. He held to the opinion that no state had the right to secede from the union.

Therefore the best years of his young manhood were spent in the preservation of that union. He was frank to state that it was wrong for any man to eat his bread in the sweat of another's brow. Therefore he was an abolitionist.

The war over, he returned to the old homestead in this county, to find many of his old friends gone; the old home devastated; the people without schools, churches or laws.

But did this young soldier despair? No he went about advising, teaching and helping until there were established schools and churches all over the county. In fact, it may be truly said of him that no one during the last 50 years of this county's history has exerted a greater influence over the public mind than he, and may it be said to his lasting credit that when the war was over and peace declared, every spark of enmity for the Confederate soldiers died within his breast, and he ever spoke of them in the most tender and affectionate term and this spirit was fully demonstrated when he was in the general assembly of this state, he added some Confederate soldiers to the pension roll and voted to raise the pensions.

Drew Deweese has been honored with almost every office within the gift of his county people. He had by nature fine executive ability which he strengthened by culture and habit. He possessed tact; that is he knew better than most men how to accomplish his purposes. He was a life long student, especially of public questions. In conversation he was clear, distinct and to the point. He made no pretensions to eloquence or display, but his utterances were plain sensible and emphatic. So much so that the emphatic almost became the dogmatic. He always had a definite point to drive to and generally got there in good time and order. In his social life he was plain, genteel and courteous, but possessed some peculiarities, the most striking of these was that he never divulged his sorrows or troubles, if he had them, to any one but bore them silently in his own bosom. He lived a true and consistent life, it may be truly said that he set a standard by which it would be well for us to live ourselves.

He is gone. No more can we have the benefit of his wise counsels in our

PROGRAM CHEROKEE COUNTY UNION MEETING

Cherokee County Union Meeting of the W. N. C. Association to be held with the Peachtree Baptist Church, May 28th, 29th, 30th.

PROGRAM
Friday, 11 a. m. Sermon by Pastor T. F. Deitz.
1:30. Building up the Sunday School, Dr. C. T. Sisk, J. H. Harwood, H. B. Elliott.
2:15. How shall we elevate the moral tone and spiritual tone of our churches, G. F. Burger, W. H. Baker D. C. Wilson.
Saturday, 10 a. m. Devotional service, C. F. Martin.
10:30. The song service, Carter Pipes, W. H. McGuire.
11:15. Sermon, A. C. Sherwood.
1:30. The Need of Revivals, A. L. Martin, C. F. Martin.
2:15. The Duty and Importance of Inducting our Church Members, T. F. Deitz. Open discussion.
Sunday, 10 a. m. Sunday School Mass Meeting led by Supt. of Peachtree Sunday School.
11. Sermon on Missions, Victor McGuire.
Please let all who are on the program be present and prepared, and we will have a good meeting.

DECORATION AT PEACHTREE.

In addition to the Fifth Sunday Meeting to be held with the Peachtree Baptist Church, there will be a decoration on Sunday May, 30th, at 9:30 o'clock.

1. Singing by the choir.
 2. Address of welcome by H. B. Elliott.
 3. March to grave yard.
 4. Song.
 5. Prayer by W. H. Baker.
 6. Decorate graves.
 7. Reassemble.
 8. Speaking by W. B. Dickey, Rev. A. C. Sherwood, A. L. Martin and others, on subjects of their own selection.
- There will be dinner on the ground. Every body come and be welcome.
G. F. Burger, Chairman.

public meetings. No more will he be awakened by clanking steel and the sounding of horse hoofs. No more will he heed the call for volunteers to preserve the union.

"To the undiscovered country from whose bounds no traveler returns."
But when the end came to these 69 years of arduous life; when the golden bowl was broken, the silver cord was loosed, and the pitcher broken at the fountain it can be truly said that he died as he lived, and there were few if any regrets in the cup.

The funeral which were held in the Baptist Church, which he was a devoted and consistent member, was conducted by Rev. A. C. Sherwood, the burial services being conducted by the Masonic Order, and attested the esteem in which he was held by the people of his home the and surrounding country. On that occasion the drapery of woe gave place to the beauty of flowers until the splendid little church bloomed and blossomed with festoons of roses.

Business men; the rich and the poor were there; every creed in religion, and every division in politics united in one testimonial to the memory of this splendid citizen and gallant old soldier.

"When all blandishments of life are gone the brave live on."
S. W. LOVINGOOD.

GERMAN LINE BROKEN.

Troops of Allies Have Again Taken Offensive.

Field Marshal Sir John French, in a message, informed the British people that their troops again had taken the offensive after a fortnight spent in hurling back German attacks and had swept across and captured all German trenches south of Elchebourg-l'Avoue over a two-mile front.

The taking of a large number of German prisoners and the annihilation of one German contingent numbering several hundred men, by their own artillery fire, are recorded by Field Marshal Sir John French and the Paris war office in announcing a further success for the British arms in France, north of La Bassee.

German positions, according to Paris, have been taken in the Ally wood. German attacks near Berry-au-Bac and on the outskirts of the forest of Le Pretre were arrested by the fire of the French, while to the west of the Yser canal, in Belgium, German positions have been evacuated owing to a threatened enveloping movement.

Military commentators here regard the British advance as a genuine break of the German line, which, if maintained, must mean retreat for a considerable section of the invaders' forces.

Great War Demonstration.

Official confirmation of the report that the Salandra cabinet would remain in power was greeted by one of the most remarkable demonstrations of approval ever witnessed in Rome. A crowd, estimated at 300,000, gathered in the Popolo square at the foot of the Pincian hill, the slope and summit of which were thronged with representatives of the most aristocratic families in the capital.

Ready to Leave Rome.

Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, and Baron von Macchio, the Austrian ambassador, are preparing to leave Rome, according to the newspapers. A special train is in readiness to take Prince von Buelow to Chiasso, Switzerland, and Baron von Macchio to Ala, in the Austrian Tyrol.

TURKISH ATROCITIES.

Six Thousand Armenians Reported Massacred.

Six thousand Armenians have been massacred at Van, in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, according to a dispatch received in official quarters in London from the Russian consul at Urumiah, Persia.

This message is dated May 15. It adds that the Armenians are defending themselves to the utmost against the Turks and Kurds arrayed against them, but that help is urgently needed.

Two Children Killed by Air Bombs.

A Zeppelin, coming from the channel, dropped bombs on various quarters of Calais, killing two children and wounding one woman. The property damage was slight. After its raid the Zeppelin sailed away in the direction of the sea.

WITH MAILED FIST.

Kaiser Says Germany Must Assure Her Future.

"It is not now our business to look backward and think gratefully of the past, but to meet the blows of the enemy with a resolute will and assure the future of the fatherland with the mailed fist," said Emperor William, in reply to a message of loyalty from the city of Aschene (Aix la Chappelle). The reply further says: "With envy and jealousy, our enemies strive to destroy Germany, the German people and the triumphal progress of German civilization. The heroism and self-sacrifice of our people, which have already gained such wonderful success in a war forced on us, are our guarantee, next to God's grace, for the overcoming of the heaviest affliction that ever beset Germany."

Germans Seize Swedish Food Ship.

The Swedish steamer Bjoern, bound for London with a cargo of foodstuffs, has been seized by a German submarine and taken into Hamburg, according to a dispatch received at Rotterdam.

Freezing in Minnesota.

Snow fell at St. Paul and at several northern Minnesota points during Monday. Freezing temperatures were reported from Duluth and other northern cities.

FURIOUS STRUGGLE ON WESTERN FRONT

Reported That Germans Being Checked

SITUATION IN THE EAST

French Report Gains to the North of Arras—Another Big Battle Imminent in the Eastern Theater of War.

The southern end of the British line, which extends from above Ypres to below La Bassee, joining the French front north of Arras, has been engaged in heavy fighting, and the British troops, according to official statements, have gained marked successes against the Germans, whose line has been broken over the greater part of a two-mile front.

Further north, at Stenacraete, the Belgians have checked several German counter attacks and have held previous gains, notwithstanding violent efforts by the Germans.

North of Arras the French have been carrying out a series of active aiming at strengthening their front, while in the Champagne the French claim to have almost completely destroyed eight German companies, which charged the first line of French trenches after the explosion of a mine.

There does not appear to be much change in the general situation in Galicia, although the Austro-German armies have been able to make an additional slight advance by the withdrawal of the Russian rear guards, which have been holding off the victorious troops until their own armies could get into new positions behind the San river. This territory promises to be the scene of another big battle, for the Russians, strongly reinforced, will make a desperate effort to stem the tide which has been running so strongly against them.

In the Russian border provinces along the East Prussian frontier isolated engagements are occurring, in which both sides claim to have the advantage.

VIOLETS IN TRENCHES.

Blue Flower Flourishes Amidst Carnage of War.

Violets gathered from the edge of a blood-stained Austrian trench have reached a Hungarian girl employed by a Washington, D. C., family. Most of her male relatives in the "old country" are in the army. Since the beginning of the war she had heard nothing from any of them until she was delighted by a letter from a brother. In it he told her he had not been out of the trench wherein he was stationed for three weeks, and that at times the blood along the bottom had been ankle deep.

"Within arm's reach, however," goes on the letter, "on the sod outside the trench, the violets are growing in a solid bank. I can reach out my arm and pick all I want."

And pinned on the upper corner of this missive from the front, telling of carnage and conditions almost inconceivable, was a little withered bunch of the purple flowers.

RETURNS TO POWER.

Salandra Again Assumes Duties as Premier.

Premier Salandra, whose resignation with his entire cabinet caused a great outburst in Italy, according to the latest advices, has returned to power. King Victor Emmanuel previously had asked him to withdraw his resignation "for the good of the country," but, finding the former premier obdurate, attempted to have other statesmen reconstruct the ministry. This failing, Salandra consented to take up the duties of his office.

It is probable, therefore, that the ministry to be formed with the aid of the leaders of the stronger parties will not be long in taking a decisive stand. The cry of the people has been for war, and the Salandra cabinet was opposed by ex-Premier Giolitti and others who favored peace.

Snow in West Virginia.

Northern West Virginia experienced the coldest May 17 in years. Much snow is reported to have fallen on the mountains and ice formed on many small runs and creeks.